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or, THE CRUISE OF THE BLACK REVENGE

A Melodrama in Thirteen Acts

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ACT I

CAPTAIN HAWKES SETS SAIL

A stormy night and a sullen sea,
A cutlass, dirk, and pistols three,
A blunderbuss and a snickersnee,
HAWKES, THE PIRATE, THUS SAILED HE!

[The trouble starts right here.]

ACT II

THE EQUIPMENT IS EVENLY DISTRIBUTED

Thirty-four was the pirate crew,
But the mugs and plates were
SHORT BY TWO!
So Hawkes, the captain, up and
slew
Tiger Jim and the Peg-legged Jew.

[Jim was getting a
little deaf, anyway.]

ACT III

A LESSON IN TIDINESS

The cook and the mate were a
tidy pair,

They stole some soap, from God
knows where,

And BRUSHED THEIR TEETH AND
COMBED THEIR HAIR!

So they strung 'em up, and left
'em there.

[And the gulls ate out
their eyes like grapes.]

ACT IV

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

Bunghole Bill was a book-learned
cuss,

Which same made Hawkes censor-
ious,

So they made him dead with a
blunderbuss.

HIS BRAINS, THEY MADE AN AWFUL
MUSS!

[One should be neat,
even in little things.]

ACT V

A DEMONSTRATION OF TABLE MANNERS

The bos'n fell in a vat o' lye,

His mates, at mess, they heard him cry,

BUT THEY WERE A-EATING O' JAM AND PIE,

And couldn't come. So they let him die.

[But there were more bos'ns than jam aboard.]

ACT VI

DISOBEDIENCE IS REBUKED

Lady Annabelle May was good,

She put some glass in the captain's food,

For SHE WOULDN'T DO WHAT HE SAID SHE SHOULD!

So he choked her dead, right where she stood.

[With Mag, the inn-keeper's wench, it might have been different.]

ACT VII

EASTER MORN ON SHIPBOARD

On Easter morn a ship they spied,
And Hawkes, he bade its crew
'longside
To join in Mass, (but Hawkes, he
lied),
And FIVE SCORE CAME! And five
score died.

[This was a bitter, bitter
lesson to the Christians.]

ACT VIII

A CASE OF OBSTINACY IS CURED

Pie-Eyed Pete was a low-lived
bum,

BUT HE WOULDN'T DRINK! So they
slit his gum,

And made him swill nine quarts o'
rum,

And walk the plank to Kingdom
Come.

[Many a man would
drink for less.]

ACT IX

HAWKES STOPS AN EPIDEMIC

With mushy love the crew got rife,

Poor Hank got took, and LOVED HIS WIFE,

AND GOD, AND SUCH! A butcher knife

Was used to end HIS amorous life.

[The heart-interest of the drama ends here.]

ACT X

CALEB'S USEFULNESS IS IMPAIRED

An HONEST MAN was Caleb Jones!
So they mashed his feet with holy-stones,
And cracked his nails to hear his groans,
And split his skull with his own cross-bones.

[This practically ruined Caleb.]

ACT XI

A QUARREL IS AVERTED

A shriek, a thud, a muffled vow,
And Pew knifed Ike abaft the
bow.
Hawkes shot 'em both to stop their
row.
PEACE, IT AIN'T NO GOOD NOHOW!

["Abaft the bow" is
a vital spot.]

ACT XII

HAWKES ENJOINS SILENCE ON A SELECT FEW

With eighteen henchmen, Bastard
Ben

Dug up the gold o' Morgan's men.

Then him and Hawkes knifed eight
or ten

They guessed they WOULDN'T
NEED AGAIN.

[Small savings make
big fortunes.]

ACT XIII

PEACE AT LAST

Hawkes poisoned Ben and copped
the chest,

Then got the headsman's job at
Brest,

Where, acting such, he killed the
rest.

"HOME-LOVING HEARTS ARE
HAPPIEST."

[Thus does a busy life
bring its reward.]

[CURTAIN]

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